The purpose of this course is to examine the major anti-democratic organizations in the United States today. The focus will be on the organizational structure, composition, philosophy, and activities of such movements. In addition, we will analyze why individuals and groups in American society are attracted to these organizations. While the course focuses on American groups, many of the concepts and theories are applicable to international organizations.

**Texts**

Other Readings are on Electronic Reserve. The Password is “Extremist”

**WEB Sites of Interest**
Anti-Defamation League
Southern Poverty Law Center
People for the American Way
Center for Democratic Renewal
FBI Electronic Library

In addition, the groups discussed in this class have their own websites.

**Course Requirements**

Students will be evaluated on the basis of their performance on two hourly exams and a comprehensive final. Exams will test one’s knowledge of both lectures and reading materials. The reading assignments are designed to complement the lecture and all students are expected to do the reading at a time convenient to them. Suggested readings are for the individual’s own reference.

*Students must also submit a 10-12 page term paper. **Topics, with an outline and bibliography, must be submitted to the instructor by February 3rd.** Papers that are not typed and late papers will be subject to a letter grade reduction. Papers will receive two grades: one for content and one for style (spelling, grammar, form, etc.). The former will be worth 75% of the grade, the latter 25% of the grade. Papers must be written for this course only and must include sources in addition to the Internet. **All papers must be documented.** Papers which are not properly documented or footnoted will automatically be assigned a grade of “F.” Research papers are due on April 14th. Late papers are subject to Grade Reductions.*

**Grading Scale**

Course Outline and Reading Assignments:

I. Political Extremism: A Framework for Analysis and a Historical Overview of the Right-Wing

George and Wilcox, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 19, Appendix I; Appendix II
Quarles, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4
Gordon Allport, “ABC’s of Scapegoating” (Readings)
Murray C. Havens “Historical Failures of American Consensus” (Readings)
William Moore, “Political Extremism: A Conceptual Framework” (Readings)
Kenneth Stein, “Hate and the Internet” (Readings)
T.K. Kim, “Electronic Storm: Stormfront Grows a Thriving neo-Nazi Community” (Readings)
Brian Levin, “The Characteristics of Hate Crime Victimization in the United States” (Readings)
Katherine Seligman, “Lone Wolf Terrorists Are More Dangerous Than Organized White Supremacist Groups” (Readings)

Suggested Readings:

Anti-Defamation League, Extremist Groups in the United States
Daniel Bell, The New American Right
John Bunzel, Anti-Politics In America
Gustavus Myers, History of Bigotry in the United States
Roland Delorme and Raymond McInnis (eds.), Anti-Democratic Trends in Twentieth Century America
Murray Clark Haven, The Challenges to Democracy
Eric Hoffer, The True Believer
Seymour Martin Lipset and Earl Raab, The Politics of Unreason, Chapters I, II, III, V, VI
Susan Carnory, America’s Nazis: A History of the German American Bund
Leo Ribuffo, The Old Christian Right: The Protestant Far Right From the Great Depression to the Cold War
David Riesman, The Lonely Crowd
Philip Slater, The Pursuit of Loneliness
William Hixson, Jr., Search for the American Right-Wing
Jerome Himmelstein, To The Right: The Transformation of American Conservatism
David Bennett, The Party of Fear: The American Far Right From Nativism to the Militia Movement
Dennis Tourish, On the Edge: Political Cults Right and Left
S.T. Joshi, Documents of American Prejudice: An Anthology of Writings on Race From Thomas Jefferson to David Duke

II. The Racial Movements

1. Neo-Nazi Movements
George and Wilcox, Chapters 16, 21, 23, 24
Elizabeth Rickey, “The Nazi and the Republicans” (Readings)
David Gillespie, “The White Supremacist and Neo-Nazi Far Right” (Readings)
Jim Nesbitt, “More Women are Joining the White Supremacist Movement” (Readings)
Peter Simi and Robert Futrell, “White Power Cyberculture: Building a Movement” (Readings)
Mike Flanigan, “Coming Out of Hatred” (Readings)

Suggested Readings:
Raphael Ezekiel, *The Racist Mind*
Mark Hamm, *American Skinheads*

Anti-Defamation League, *Hate Groups in America*
Michael Barkum, *Religion and the Racist Right: The Origins of the Christian Identity Movement*
Leland Bell, *In Hitler’s Shadow*
Howard Bushart, John Craig and Myra Barnes, *Soldiers of God: White Supremacists and Their Holy War for America*
Betty Dobratz and Stephanie L. Shanks-Meile, *The White Separatist Movement in the United States*
George Lincoln Rockwell, *White Power*
George Lincoln Rockwell, *This Time the World*
Robert Griffin, *The Fame of a Dead Man’s Deeds: An Up Close Portrait of White Nationalist William Piece*
Lawrence Powell, *Troubled Memory: Anne Levy, the Holocaust and David Duke’s Louisiana*
James Graham Cook, *The Segregationists*, pp. 167 - 186
Keven Flynn and Gary Gerhardt, *The Silent Brotherhood*
Thomas Martinez with John Guinther, *Brotherhood and Terror*
Andy Oakley, “88”, *An Undercover News Reporter’s Expose of American Nazis and the Ku Klux Klan*
Stephen Singular, *Talked to Death: The Life and Murder of Alan Berg*
James Ridgeway, *Blood in the Face*
Douglas Rose, *The Emergence of David Duke and the Politics of Race*
Michael Zatarian, *David Duke: Evolution of a Klansman*
Mary Williams, *The White Separatist Movement*
Jack Moore, *Shaved for Battle: A Cultural History of American Skinheads*

*Anti-Defamation League, Hitler’s Apologists: The Anti-Semitic Propaganda of Holocaust Revisionism*

Tyler Bridges, *The Rise of David Duke*
Frederick Simonelli, *American Fuhrer: George Lincoln Rockwell and the American Nazi Party*
David Duke, *My Awakening: A Path to Racial Understanding*

The Ku Klux Klan
George and Wilcox, Chapter 25
Quarles, Chapters 5,6
Suggested Readings:
Kathleen Blee, *Women of the Klan*
Kathleen Blee, *Inside Organized Racism: Women in the Hate Movement*
Horace Carter, *Virus of Fear*
David Chalmers, *Hooded Americanism*
David Horowitz, *Inside the Klavern: The Secret History of the Ku Klux Klan of the 1920’s*
Kenneth Jackson, *The Ku Klux Klan in the Cities, 1915-1930*
William Jenkins, *Steel Valley Klan: The Ku Klux Klan in Ohio’s Mahoning Valley*
Winfield Jones, *Knights of the Ku Klux Klan*
Shawn Lay, *The Invisible Empire in the West*
M. William Lutholtz, *Grand Dragon*
Gary May, *The Informant*
Leonard Moore, *Citizen Klansmen: The Ku Klux Klan in Indiana, 1921-1928*
Michael Newton, *The Invisible Empire: The Ku Klux Klan in Florida*
William P. Randal, *The Ku Klux Klan: A Century of Infamy*
Arnold Rice, *The Ku Klux Klan in American Politics*
Robert Shelton, *They Say: Blood on My Hands*
Patsy Sims, *The Klan*

Jerry Thompson, *My Life in the Klan*
Allen Trelease, *White Terror*
Richard Tucker, *The Dragon and the Cross: The Rise and Fall of the Ku Klux Klan in Middle America*
Wyn Craig Wade, *The Fiery Cross: The Ku Klux Klan in America*
Elizabeth Wheaton, *Code Name Greenkil: The 1979 Greensboro Killings*
Donald Whitehead, *Attack on Terror: The FBI Against the Ku Klux Klan in Mississippi*

C. The Citizens’ Councils and Council of Conservative Citizens

Heidi Beirich and Bob Moser, “Communing With The Council” (Readings)
Suggested Readings:
Holding Carter, *The South Strikes Back*
James Graham Cook, *The Segregationists*, pp. 11 - 114, 189 - 205
John Martin, *The Deep South Says Never*
Neil McMillen, *The Citizens’ Councils*

D. Nation of Islam (Black Muslims)

George and Wilcox, Chapter 22
“Louis Farrakhan: An Update” (Readings)
Suggested Readings:
III. The Secular Right

A. The John Birch Society
   George and Wilcox, Chapter 14
   Robert Welch, “Democracy is a Fraud” (Readings)
   Wm. Moore, “The John Birch Society: A Southern Profile” (Readings)
   Revilo Oliver, “Who Killed John Kennedy?” (Readings)

B. Armed Right: Minutemen and Militias
   George and Wilcox, Chapters 17, 18
   Chip Berlet and Matthew Lyons, “Militia Nation” (Readings)
   Kenneth Stern, “The Militia Movement Threatens the Government” (Readings)
   David Kopel, “The Militia Movement Does Not Threaten the Government” (Readings)

Suggested Readings:
J. Allen Broyles, The John Birch Society
Arnold Foster & Benjamin Epstein, Danger on the Right
Seymour Martin Lipset and Earl Raab, The Politics of Unreason
Harry & Bonaro Overstreet, The Strange Tactics of Extremism
Robert Welch, The Blue Book
Robert Welch, The Politician
Jean Hardisty, Mobilizing Resentment CL: Conservative Resurgence from the John Birch Society
Edward Griffing, Life and Words of Robert Welch

Suggested Readings:
Richard Abanes, American Militias: Rebellion, Racism and Religion
Morris Dees, Gathering Storm: America’s Militia Threat
Robert DePugh, *Blueprint for Victory*
Harry Jones, *Private Army* (The Minutemen)
Kenneth Stern, *A Force Upon the Plain*

IV. **The Christian Right**

.1 The Christian Crusade
George and Wilcox, Chapter 13
Suggested Readings:
Arnold Foster and Benjamin Epstein, *Danger on the Right*
Erling Jorstad, *The Politics of Doomsday*
Franklin Littell, *Wild Tongues*
John Redekop, *American Far Right*
Ralph Rou, *Apostles of Discord*
William Turner, *Power on the Right*, pp. 130-134

.2 The New Christian Right
George and Wilcox, Chapter 15
Clyde Wilcox, “The Revivals and Revolutions: The Christian Right in Twentieth Century America” (Readings)

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Suggested Readings
Robert Liebman and Robert Wuthnow (eds.) *The New Christian Right*
Steve Bruce, *The Rise and Fall of the New Christian Right, 1978-88*
Sara Diamond, *Spiritual Warfare: The Politics of the Christian Right*
Steve Bruce, Peter Kivistoard, William Swatos, Jr., (eds.) *The Rapture of Politics*
Anti-Defamation League, *The Religious Right: The Assault on Tolerance and Pluralism in America*
Michael Lienesch, *Redeeming America: Piety and Politics in the New Christian Right*
Ted Jelen, *The Political Mobilization of Religious Beliefs*
Mathew Moen, *The Transformation of the Christian Right*

C. The Unification Church
John Loflard, “Becoming a World Savior,” *American Behavioral Scientist*, V. 20 No. 6 (July/August, 1977), 805-817 (Readings)
Suggested Readings:
The Odyssey of New Religions Today
Frederick Sontag, *Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church*
Sun Myung Moon, *Christianity in Crisis: New Hope*

V. **Anti-Abortion Extremists**
The Army of God
Bill Berkowitz, “Army of God Marches Toward Gays” (Readings)

Suggested Readings:
James Risen and Judy Thomas, Wrath of Angels

VI. The Old Left

The Communist Party
Morris Ernst and David Loft, “Inside the Communist” (Readings)
George and Wilcox, Chapters 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Suggested Readings:
Hadley Cantril, The Politics of Despair
Theodore Draper, The Roots of American Communism
Morris Ernest & David Loth, Report on the American Communist
Benjamin Gitlow, The Whole of Their Lives
Laurence Moore (ed.), The Emergence of an American Left
Harry & Bonaro Overstreet, What We Must Know About Communism

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David Shannon, The Decline of American Communism: A History of the Communist
Party of the United States Since 1945
William Foster, The History of The Communist Party in the United States
Guenter Lewy, The Cause That Failed: Communism in American Political Life
David Saposs, Communism in American Politics
Joseph Starobin, American Communism in Crisis, 1943-1957
Harvey Klehr, Far Left of Center
M. J. Heale, American Anti-Communism: Combating the Enemy Within, 1830-1970
Harvey Klehr and John E. Haynes, The American Communist Movement: Storming
Heaven Itself
Eric Foner and Herbert Shapiro, American Communism and Black Americans

VII. The New Left

S.M. Lipset “The Activists: A Profile,” (Readings)
William Moore, “The Free Speech Movement” (Readings)
George and Wilcox, Chapter 7
Suggest Readings:
Judith and Stewart Albert, The Sixties Papers
Alan Adelson, S.D.S.
Carl Davidson, The New Radicals in the Multiversity and Other Students for
a Democratic Society
Louis Heath, Vandels in the Bomb Factory: The History and Literature of the
Students for a Democratic Society
Irving Horowtiz, The Struggle is the Message
Lawrence Lader, *Power on the Left*
Phillip Abbot Luce, *The New Left Today*
Seymour Martin Lipset & Sheldon Wolin, *The Berkeley Student Revolt*
Michael Miles, *The Radical Probe*
Jay Robert Nash, *Terrorism in the 20th Century*
Kirkpatrick Sale, *SDS*
Kirkpatrick Sale, *SDS: Ten Years Toward a Revolution*
Lyman Sargent, *New Left Thought*
Susan Stern, *With the Weathermen: The Personal Journal of a Revolutionary Woman*

.4  *The Black Panther Party and the New Black Panther Party*
George and Wilcox, Chapter 6
ADL “New Black Panther Party for Self-Defense” (Readings)

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**Suggested Readings**
Elaine Brown, *A Taste of Power*
Clayburn Carson, *In Struggle: SNCC and the Black Awakening of the 1960s*
Kathleen Cleaver, *Liberation, Imagination and the Black Panther Party*
Phillip Foner, *The Black Panthers Speak*
Herbert Haines, *Black Radicals and the Civil Rights Mainstream, 1954-1970*
Manning Marable, *The Crisis of Color and Democracy*
Gene Marine, *The Black Panthers*
Huey Newton, *To Die for the People*
Don Schanche, *The Black Panther Paradox: A Liberal’s Dilemma*
Bobby Seale, *Seize the Time*
Cleveland Sellers, *The River of No Return*
Howard Zinn, *The Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee*
David Hillard and Lewis Cole, *This Side of Glory*
Jennifer Smith, *An International History of the Black Panther Party*
Charles Jones, *The Black Panther Party Reconsidered*

C.  **Eco Terrorism**
Earth First!
Earth Liberation Front
Animal Liberation Front
ADL, “Ecoterrorism: Extremism in the Animal Rights and Environmentalist Movement” (Readings)

**Suggested Readings:**
Edward Abbey and Douglas Brinkley, *The Monkey Wrench Gang*
Craig Rosenbraugh, *Burning Rage of a Dying Planet: Speaking for the Earth Liberation Front*
Susan Zakin, *Coyotes and Towndogs: Earth First and the Environmental Movement*
VIII. Political Extremism: An Assessment

Quarles, Chapter 9
Blue Mountain Working Group, “A Call to Defend Democracy and Pluralism” (Readings)
Anti-Defamation League, “Countering Extremism” (Readings)
Klanwatch, “Focused Community Action Can Help Reduce Hate Crimes” (Readings)